

Prior law provided that acts of the legislature are to be published in book form, in the English language, with a list of the acts, the dates of their promulgation and an index thereto, and that below each act is to be printed the date of approval by the governor, if approved, or by the legislature in the case of vetoed bills becoming law upon reconsideration by the legislature, and also the date of the publication thereof in the official journal of the state.

New law deletes the provision of prior law requiring the printing of the date of the publication of acts of the legislature in the official journal of the state, and otherwise retains prior law.

Prior law provided that the secretary of state must, upon request, deliver copies of the acts of the legislature, in numerical order by act number, to the person, firm, or corporation to whom the contract for printing acts was awarded, and he must also deliver copies of the acts in the same order to the state printer of the Official Journal of the State for publication in the official journal. Prior law provided that the acts are to be published in numerical order by act number. Prior law provided that the secretary of state is to endorse in the register required in prior law the date and time of delivery of the acts for publication in the official journal and for printing of the acts.

New law deletes the provision in prior law requiring the secretary of state to deliver copies of the acts in the same order to the state printer of the Official Journal of the State for publication in the official journal. New law provides that the secretary of state is to endorse in the register required in prior law the date and time of delivery of the acts for printing.

Prior law provided that the secretary of state is to take all necessary actions to cause the acts and joint resolutions of the legislature to be printed in the Official Journal of the State within the time limits established by prior law and is to take all necessary actions to cause the date of such publication in the official journal to be printed below each act in the acts published in accordance with prior law.

New law provides that the secretary of state is to take all necessary actions to cause the acts and joint resolutions of the legislature to be made accessible on the Internet website or portal of the Official Journal of the State within the time limits established by law. New law deletes requirement for secretary of state to take all necessary actions to cause the date of such publication in the official journal to be printed below each act in the acts published.

New law provides that within 60 days following the final adjournment of a legislative session, the secretary of state shall cause a notice to be published once in the official journal of each parish, informing the public where the full text of the acts of the legislature may be viewed. Requirements for the notice include:

- (a) The notice shall appear in a box format with a bolded outline in a size of not less than three columns by ten and a half inches or a comparable size.
- (b) Appropriately-sized headline typeface shall be used.
- (c) The language of the notice shall be prepared by the secretary of state and shall include the website address for the Official Journal of the State.

New law provides that the cost of such notice shall be a maximum of 90% of the commercial display advertising rate charged by the official journal of each parish for a similar volume of business.

Prior law provided that the printing of advertisements, public notices, proclamations and the promulgation of all laws and joint resolutions of the legislature, and all public notices and advertising to be done by the legislature, or the executive or other departments and institutions of the state government, is to be published in a daily newspaper to be known and designated as the "Official Journal of the State", which newspaper is to have and possess the following qualifications:

- (1) It must possess the second class mailing privilege.

- (2) It must be published in the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- (3) It must have been so published for at least six days per week for a period of not less than two years prior to the time that it is awarded the contract as the Official Journal of the State.
- (4) It must have an audited paid daily circulation of not less than 10,000 for at least one year prior to the time it is awarded the contract.
- (5) The publisher must possess the capability and shall agree to publish all acts and joint resolutions of the legislature within the time limits established by prior law.

New law deletes the requirement in prior law that all laws and joint resolutions of the legislature be published in the official journal.

New law changes the mailing privilege that the official journal must possess from the periodicals mailing privilege to the second class mailing privilege. New law deletes the requirement that the official journal must possess the capability and shall agree to publish all acts and joint resolutions of the legislature within the time limits established by prior law.

New law provides that only for purposes of meeting the requirements of present constitution and new law, the Official Journal of the State shall be the Internet website or portal of the Official Journal of the State and that all laws and joint resolutions shall be accessible through the Official Journal of the State prior to the 60th day after final adjournment of the session in which they were enacted and shall remain accessible for at least one year. Any act that contains an effective date prior to the 60th day after final adjournment shall be accessible prior to the effective date contained therein, if possible, or if not possible, as soon as possible after the effective date.

Prior law provided that the contract for printing by the "State Printer of the Official Journal of the State" is to be let to the lowest bidder possessing the qualifications enumerated in prior law and must run for a period of two years beginning July 1st and ending June 30th.

New law retains prior law.

Prior law provided that the state printer of the Official Journal of the State must print in full in the Official Journal of the State all laws and joint resolutions of the legislature. Prior law provided that all acts, including joint resolutions, are to be published in the Official Journal of the State prior to the 60th day after final adjournment of the session in which they were enacted. Prior law provided that any act that contains an effective date prior to the 60th day after final adjournment is to be printed prior to the effective date contained therein, if possible, or, if not possible, as soon as possible after said effective date. Prior law provided that the state printer of the Official Journal of the State is to deliver, to the secretary of state upon his order, copies of the Official Journal of the State containing any of the laws or joint resolutions of the legislature of the state which will be hereafter enacted, immediately after the same have been published therein, and as soon as practicable thereafter the secretary of state will cause the official journal to be sent to the clerks of the courts, and it is their duty to carefully preserve the same until they have received the copies of the laws in book form, and the state printer of the official journal of the state cannot receive more than \$6.00 per 100 for copies of the matter printed in the Official Journal of the State.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided for the cancellation of the contract with the state printer of the Official Journal of the State for failure to comply with the provisions of the contract and for the letting of the contract for the unexpired portion of the two year term contract.

New law retains prior law.

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(Amends R.S. 43:19, 19.1, 24(B) and (C), 81, 82, and 89; adds R.S. 43:24(D); repeals R.S. 43:87)

